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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated November 30, 2009, the deadline for response being December 22, 2009, with a one-month extension of time fee (calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action) submitted herewith, the Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

If further extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.